



Overview and Scrutiny Committee Tuesday, 16th September, 2014

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**, which will be held at:

**Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping
on Tuesday, 16th September, 2014
at 7.30 pm .**

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Members:

Councillors R Morgan (Chairman), K Angold-Stephens (Vice-Chairman), G Chambers, K Chana, T Church, D Dorrell, L Girling, P Keska, Mrs J Lea, A Mitchell MBE, S Murray, B Rolfe, Mrs M Sartin, Ms G Shiell, B Surtees, A Watts and D Wixley

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS MEETING IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND

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1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

1. This meeting is to be webcast. Members are reminded of the need to activate their microphones before speaking.

2. The Chairman will read the following announcement:

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

(Assistant to the Chief Executive). To report the appointment of any substitute members for the meeting.

4. MINUTES (Pages 7 - 18)

Decisions required:

To confirm the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 1st July 2014.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Director of Governance) To declare interests in any items on the agenda.

In considering whether to declare a personal or a prejudicial interest under the Code of Conduct, Overview & Scrutiny members are asked pay particular attention to paragraph 11 of the Code in addition to the more familiar requirements.

This requires the declaration of a personal and prejudicial interest in any matter before an OS Committee which relates to a decision of or action by another Committee or Sub Committee of the Council, a Joint Committee or Joint Sub Committee in which the Council is involved and of which the Councillor is also a member.

Paragraph 11 does not refer to Cabinet decisions or attendance at an OS meeting purely for the purpose of answering questions or providing information on such a matter.

6. CORPORATE PLAN KEY OBJECTIVES 2014-15 - QUARTER 1 PROGRESS (Pages 19 - 30)

(Director of Governance) To consider the attached report.

7. REVIEW OF CABINET FORWARD PLAN (Pages 31 - 48)

To review the Cabinet Forward Plan (Key Decision List) on a meeting by meeting basis.

8. LOCAL ELECTIONS - 22 MAY 2014 (Pages 49 - 54)

(Returning Officer) to consider the attached report.

9. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS (Pages 55 - 86)

(Returning Officer) to consider the attached report.

10. CONSULTATION - LONDON INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN (Pages 87 - 88)

(Chairman Planning Services Scrutiny Panel) to consider the attached report.

11. WORK PROGRAMME MONITORING (Pages 89 - 106)

(a) To consider the updated work programme

The current Overview and Scrutiny work programme is attached for information.

(b) Reserve Programme

A reserve list of scrutiny topics is required to ensure that the work flow of OSC is continuous.

OSC will 'pull out' items from the list and allocate them accordingly once space becomes available in the work programme following the completion of existing reviews.

Members can put forward any further suggestions for inclusion in the reserve list either during the meeting or at a later date.

Existing review items will be dealt with first, then time will be allocated to the items contained in the reserve work plan.

(c) PICK Forms Received

Officers have received two PICK forms:

- one from Councillor Sandler on the review of the Planning sub-committees (attached); and
- one from Councillor Kane on a review of the Grant Aid Scheme (attached) – this arose from the a request from the Cabinet.

The Committee is asked to review these forms and make appropriate recommendation

on how they should be treated.

A third PICK form has been received from Councillor Shiell but more information was requested by officers before this could be considered by this committee.

12. CONSTITUTION AND MEMBER SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL - NOMINATION

RECOMMENDATION:

That Councillor D Dorrell be appointed to sit on the Constitution and Member Services Standing Panel.

At this Committee's last meeting there was still a vacancy in the Constitution and Member Services Standing Panel for a member not of the Conservative, Liberal Democrat or LRA group. Since then, Councillor D Dorrell has indicated that he would like to sit on this Panel and to this end, the Committee is asked to agree his membership to this Panel.

13. PLANNING SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL - REPLACEMENT CONSERVATIVE MEMBER

To agree a Conservative Group replacement for the Planning Services Scrutiny Panel to replace Councillor S Watson.

14. AMENDMENT OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY PANEL (Pages 107 - 110)

(Chairman/Lead Officer) to consider the attached report.

15. AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANNING SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 111 - 116)

(Chairman/Lead Officer) to consider the attached report.

16. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Exclusion: To consider whether, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) or are confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
Nil	Nil	Nil

The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, which came into effect on 1 March 2006, requires the Council to consider whether maintaining the exemption listed above outweighs the potential public interest in disclosing the information. Any member who considers that this test should be applied to any currently exempted matter on this agenda should contact the proper officer at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Confidential Items Commencement: Paragraph 9 of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require:

- (1) All business of the Council requiring to be transacted in the presence of the press and public to be completed by 10.00 p.m. at the latest.
- (2) At the time appointed under (1) above, the Chairman shall permit the completion of debate on any item still under consideration, and at his or her discretion, any other remaining business whereupon the Council shall proceed to exclude the public and press.
- (3) Any public business remaining to be dealt with shall be deferred until after the completion of the private part of the meeting, including items submitted for report rather than decision.

Background Papers: Paragraph 8 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

- (a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and
- (b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report and does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10) and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

Inspection of background papers may be arranged by contacting the officer responsible for the item.